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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A soft storage bin comprising:
 - a body of flexible material, the body forming a closed bottom, two first sidewalls and two second sidewalls, the bottom being bound to each sidewall along a bottom edge, and the body defining an interior having a top opening;
 - each first sidewall forming a full-wall pocket to receive a hard full-wall board embedded therein;
 - at least one second sidewall having a substantially vertical folding-seam forming two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket receiving one hard half-wall board embedded therein, and abutting one full-wall pocket along a vertical edge; and
 - a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, whereby removing the bottom board from the interior enables the bin to be collapsed by folding into the interior each second sidewall along the folding-seam and folding over the bottom.

2. (Original) The bin of claim 1 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

3. (Previously Presented) The bin of claim 2 wherein each second sidewall has a substantially vertical folding-seam forming two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket receiving one hard half-wall board embedded therein, and abutting one full-wall pocket along a vertical edge.

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4. (Previously Presented) The bin of claim 3 wherein the folding-seam is orthogonal to the bottom edge at the midpoint thereof.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The bin of claim 4 wherein the body has two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls and two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls.

7. (Original) The bin of claim 6 wherein each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom.

8. (Original) The bin of claim 7 wherein the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The bin of claim 1 wherein each sidewall is bound to each adjacent sidewall along the vertical edge therebetween whereby the bin has an integral body of flexible material.

11. (Original) The bin of claim 1 wherein each bin further comprises a handle on at least one sidewall.

12. (Original) The bin of claim 1 wherein the bottom board is removable from the interior of the body.

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13. (Previously Presented) A soft storage bin comprising:

- a body of flaccid material, the body forming a closed bottom, two first sidewalls and two second sidewalls, the bottom being bound to each sidewall along a bottom edge, and the body defining an interior having a top opening;
- one hard full-wall board embedded in at least one of the first sidewalls;
- two hard half-wall boards embedded in each of the second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards being separated from one another by a folding-seam in the body; and
- a hard bottom board removably seated within the interior and having a surface entirely abutting the bottom such that the bottom board is uniformly supported by the bottom, whereby moving the bottom board away from the bottom enables the bin to be collapsed.

14. (Previously Presented) The bin of claim 13 wherein the folding-seam is orthogonal to the bottom edge at the midpoint thereof.

15. (Previously Presented) The bin of claim 14 wherein each sidewall is bound to each adjacent sidewall along a vertical edge therebetween whereby the bin has an integral body of flaccid material.

16. (Original) The bin of claim 15 wherein:

- the body has two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls and two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls;
- each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom; and
- the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

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17. (Original) The bin of claim 16 wherein a hard full-wall board is embedded in each of the first sidewalls.

18. (Original) The bin of claim 17 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

19. (Currently Amended) A soft storage bin comprising:

- a contiguous body of flexible material, said body forming a closed bottom, two opposed and substantially identical first sidewalls and two opposed and substantially identical second sidewalls, the body defining an interior having a top opening;
- a hard full-wall board embedded in each of the two first sidewalls;
- two sets of two hard half-wall boards respectively embedded in the two second sidewalls, the two half-wall boards of each set being separated from one another by a vertical folding-seam in the body; and
- a hard bottom board seated within the interior and supported by the bottom, whereby removal of the bottom board from the bottom enables the bin to be collapsed by folding the second sidewalls into the interior of the body each second sidewall along the folding-seam and folding over the bottom.

20. (Original) The bin of claim 19 wherein each sidewall is orthogonal to the bottom and the body has a rectangular top edge in a substantially horizontal plane.

21. (Original) The bin of claim 20 wherein each sidewall has a length and the length of each first sidewall is greater than the length of either second sidewall.

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22. (Previously Presented) The bin of claim 19 wherein each first sidewall forms a full-wall pocket to receive one full-wall board and each second sidewall forms two half-wall pockets, each half-wall pocket to receive one half-wall board.